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1. SUMMARY; IN THE WAKE OF THE GVN'S ANNOUNCEMENT YESTER-
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DAY (JUNE 7) THAT IT WAS REINSTATING THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS' FULL PRIVILEGES, THE "PRG" DELEGATIONTODAY HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT WOULD ATTEND THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE TPJMC AND THE FPJMT NEXT WEEK. THOUGHT THERE WAS, AS USUAL, NO STATEMENT BY THE DRV AT THE BRIEFING, WE ASSUME THAT THEY WILL, AS IN THE PAST, ADOPT THE SAME POSITION. FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS TO RESUME AT LE CELLE SAINT CLOUD, THE "PRG" SPOKESMAN SAID, "THE GVN MUST RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE SIX POINT PROPOSAL OF MARCH 22."

2. WITH THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS' CAME A RESUMPTION OF THE "PRG'S" SATURDAY PRESS CONFERENCE. DEPUTY CHIEF OF DELEGATION COL. VO DONG GIANG OPENED TODAY'S TWO HOUR SESSION WITH A LENGTHY STATEMENT, MOST OF WHICH WAS DEVOTED TO LONG STANDING PROPAGANDA POINTS.

3. HE DENOUNCED THE US FOR SABOTAGING THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY "ILLEGALLY" INTRODUCING ARMS INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. HE CHARGED THAT THE US WAS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN ATTEMEPTING TO "ESTABLISH A MUNITIONS FACTORY" TO SUPPORT THE THIEU REGIME. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THERE WERE "MORE THAN 25,000" AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHO "HAVE DIRECTLY DIRECTED" ALL "ACTS OF WAR, PACIFICATION AND POLICE ACTIVITY" IN THE COUNTRY.

4. GIANG WENT ON TO CHARGE THAT THE "NGUYEN VAN THIEU ADMINISTRATION"HAD" CONTINUALLY STEPPED UP ITS LAND GRABBING OPERATIONS, OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES AND AIR AND ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENTS AGAINST THE PRG/RSVN. " GIANG CALLED IT SLANDER TO BLAME THE "PRG" FOR SUCH "MASSACRES " AS CAI LAY AND SONG PHU. HE CALLED FOR A "SERIOUS" ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE GVN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN ITS PRESENT "OBDURATE ATTITUDE OF SABOTAGING" THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

5. AFTER AN EXTENSIVE EXPLANATION OF WHY THE "PRG" AND DRV HAD WALKED OUT OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THE TPJMC AND THE FPJMT AS WELL AS AT LA CELLE SAINT CLOUD (ALL DEALING WITH US AND GVN SABOTAGE), GIANG ANNOUNCED THAT THE "PRG" WOULD RETURN TO THE JUNE 11 TPJMC AND FPJMT MEETINGS.

6. THIS WAS NOT IN RESPONSE TO THE GVN'S GESTURE IN TERMS OF PRIVILEGES, HE STRESSED. THE GVN HAD" OBVIOUSLY" NOT RESPONDED
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"FULLY AND SERIOUSLY TO THE LEGITIMATE DEMANDS " OF THE "PRG'S" MAY 10 STATEMENT. IT CONTINUES, GIANG SAID, TO TREAT THE OBLIGATION TO GRANT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AS A MATTER IT MAY CARRY OUT OR NOT CARRY OUT AS IT PLEASES.

7. "HOWEVER," GIANG CONTINUED, "PROCEEDING FROM THE UNSWERVING STAND OF ITS GOVERNMENT WHICH IS TO ALWAYS RESPECT AND SERIOUSLY

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IMPLEMENTST THE PARIS AGREEMENT, IN TOKEN OF ITS GOOD WILL AND
IN ORDER TO MAKE FULL USE OF ALL POSSIBLITIES TO ACCELERATE OR
TO MAKE THE OPERATION OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSIONS TO PROGRESS,
THE "PRG" DELEGATION HAS DECIDED THAT IT WILL COME TO ATTEND
THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CHIEF LEVEL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL TWO
PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION THIS TUESDAY AND AFTER THAT
WILL ATTEND THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CHIEF LEVEL MEETING OF THE
FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION ON JUNE 11, 1974. WHETHER
THIS MEETING WILL MAKE PROGRESS OR NOT DEPENDS ON WHETHER THE
SAIGON ADMINISTRATION SIDE'S ATTITUDE WILL BE SERIOUS OR NOT."

8. IN THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, GIANG HELD OUT THE
POSSIBLITY OF FUTURE WALKOUTS. AFTER ATTENDING THESE MEETINGS,
HE SAID, THE "PRG" WOULD STUDY THE MATTER IN LIGHT OF THE MAY
10 STATEMENT.

9. AS FOR A RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AT LA CELLE SAINT
CLOUD, GIANG SAID: "CONCRETELY SPEAKING, IT (THE GVN) MUST
RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE SIX POINT PROPOSAL OF MARCH 22, 1974
OF THE PRG/RSVN" IN THE QUESTION PERIOD HE AGAIN REAFFIRMED
THE POSITION THAT THE "PRG" WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL THE GVN INDICATES
IT IS WILLING TO RESPOND TO THE SIX POINT PROPOSAL.

10. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT US REACTION TO THE
"PRG" CONFERENCE THE MISSION ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT"
"AS WE HAVE SAID IN OUR STATEMENTS ON MAY 30 AND JUNE 4 ON THIS
MATTER, WE HOPED THAT THE MEETINGS OF THE FPJMT AND THE TPJMC
WOULD QUICKLY RESUME. WE ARE HAPPY THAT THEY NOW WILL. WE ARE
GLAD THAT THE VERY FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
VIETNAM HAS BROUGHT ABOUT THIS RESULT. AS WE HAVE SAID
BEFORE, WE HOPE THAT THE OTHER SIDE WILL RETURN TO THE MEETINGS
WITH A CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE SO THAT THE WORK OF BOTH BODIES CAN
GO FORWARD TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT."
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